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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: DEFENSE PLAN STATUS

1. GHANBATT HAS GIVEN US COPY OF WRITTEN FIRING INSTRUCTIONS FOR ITS UNITS PROVIDING SECURITY FOR SFM. INSTRUCTIONS STATE THAT SENTRIES WILL FIRST FIRE WARNING SHOTS AT ATTACKERS, NOTIFY THEIR SUPPORT PLATOON POSITION, AND THEN FIRE FOR EFFECT. UPON HEARING SHOTS OR BEING INFORMED, PLATOON WILL INFORM COMPANY POSITION AT BRAVO , WHICH WILL SEND TROOPS TO SFM. COPY SENT SFM BY LETTER JUNE 21.

2. THREE GHANBATT OUTPOSTS OUTSIDE SFM CAMP HAVE BEEN SANDBAGGED, BOTH AROUND RAISED HUTS AND AROUND THEIR BASES.

3. SFM HELD FIRING PRACTICE ON GHANBATT RANGE JUNE 21. ALL WEAPONS IN ARMORY AND WATCH AREAS FUNCTIONED PERFECTLY, SAVE ONE PISTOL WITH LOOSE FIRING PIN. TWELVE SFM PERSONNEL PARTICIPATED.
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PATED, INCLUDING THREE OFF DUTY GUARDS. ADEQUATE FIRING COMPETENCE WAS ACHIEVED.

4. AS YOU AWARE, NO SFM FIRING IS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE PLAN SAVE AT INTRUDERS WITHIN CAMP AREA. WE WILL CONTINUE WITH PLANNED PREPARATIONS. THESE INCLUDE PUTTING SANDBAGS ON DESIGNATED ROOF AREAS FOR GUARD POSITIONS AND HOLDING SECOND PRACTICE FOR RE-

MAINING GUARDS AND OTHER POTENTIAL VOLUNTEERS.

5. E-SYSTEMS SFM INFORMS ME THAT IF, UPON AN OCCASION, INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES VOLUNTEER, GREENVILLE WOULD REGARD THAT AS THEIR ACTION. BUT GREENVILLE WOULD HAVE RESERVATIONS, IF NOT OBJECTION, TO SPECIFIC PLANS FOR PARTICULAR INDIVIDUALS--OTHER THAN GUARDS --WHICH MIGHT CREATE COMPANY RESPONSIBILITIES. WE THEREFORE ALLOWING THOSE E-SYSTEM EMPLOYEES AS MAY BE INTERESTED TO PARTICIPATE IN FIRING EXERCISES ORGANIZED FOR GUARDS.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE SSM AUTHORIZING GREENVILLE PROCURE AND SHIP SUFFICIENT EXTRA ROUNDS TO PERMIT US SATISFACTORY RESERVE AFTER NEXT PRACTICES. LAST FIRING EXPENDED 95 ROUNDS .38 CALIBER (23 WEAPONS FIRED), 236 ROUNDS AR-15 (19 WEAPONS FIRED), AND 24 SHELLS FOR SHOTGUNS (14 TESTED). WILL NEED FURTHER ROUNDS FOR AR-15 ONLY. ESTIMATE 3,000 WOULD ALLOW FOR BOTH FUTURE PRACTICES AND SATISFACTORY RESERVE.

7. REQUEST ALSO STATUS YOUR ACTION ON PROPOSAL FOR LEXGUARD OR SHUTTERS FOR GUARD HOUSE. ROBERTS

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